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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 26, 2002. This communication is being filed within three (3) months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action. Accordingly, no fees are due with this Response. In the event that the Commissioner determines a fee is due, it may be charged to PTO Deposit Account 141449, and referencing attorney docket no. 101997-5.

In the Claims

Please replace claims 1 and 14 with the following clean version. Please also add claims 26-31 and cancel claims 7, 15, and 16. For the Examiner's convenience a complete set of the claims are presented, followed by a marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the revisions.